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The Morning Star.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Friends of THE MORNING STAR will do us a favor by informing us of any failure on the part of newsdealers, or newsboys on railroad trains, to meet the public demand for copies of this paper.

OUTLINES.

The arrival of the Spanish fleet at Santiago de Cuba is confirmed; Admiral Sampson's squadron is hurrying all necessary preparations and a great naval battle is expected soon. —— The discovery of a large quantity of arms and ammunition in a concealed compartment of the Spanish steamer Argonauta settles the question as to the vessel being a lawful prize of the blockaders. —— A House resolution providing for an auxiliary naval force of 3,000 men passed the Senate; debate on the war revenue measure continued. —— A Madrid dispatch says Cervera's squadron has left Santiago de Cuba. New York markets: —— Money on call was steady at 1½@1½ per cent., with last loan at 1½ per cent.; cotton was dull—middling 6 7-16c; flour firmly held but quiet; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red $1.52½; corn—spot firm, No. 2 41½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady at 29½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., May 20.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 76 deg.; 8 P.M., 74 deg.; maximum, 87 deg.; minimum, 72 deg.; mean, 80 deg.

Rainfall for the day, 00.; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 1.31 inches.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A storm area which overlies the central western valleys from Texas north is causing thunder storms and rain generally throughout the Northwest and upper Mississippi valley. The weather is cloudy in all other sections, except the Southeast, where high barometer and fair weather prevails. The barometer is also high in the lake regions. Light to moderate showers have occurred in all northern sections from the Dakotas and Nebraska east to the Atlantic coast. High mid-day temperature continues south of the lakes, ranging up in the nineties in the interior. High winds have occurred as follows: Dodge City, Ks., 48 northwest; Corpus Christi, Tex., 36 south.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 4 feet.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN.

For the twenty-four hours ending at 8 A. M. yesterday:

Severe local storms and excessive precipitation occurred in the Memphis and Little Rock districts and in northern Texas. Scattered and light showers occurred in the Savannah, Vicksburg and Wilmington sections. The temperature continues high.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina: Fair weather; southerly winds.

Port Almanac---May 21.

Sun Rises ..... 4.50 A. M.
Sun Sets ..... 7.03 P. M.
Day's Length ..... 14 H. 13 M.
High Water at Southport 8.36 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington 11.01 P. M.

The Spaniards give some of their war boats ugly names. But that is the ugliest thing about them.

The Chicago directory shows over a hundred Deweys in that town, and they are all probably claiming kinship with Manila Dewey.

The reconcentrados in Cuba may be worse off than they were before the war; but a good many of them are better off. They are dead.

One of the principal articles of food with the Spaniards is codfish. Perhaps that's the reason they take water when cornered by the "Yankee pigs."

Duelling is playing out in Italy. There were only 920 duels in that country last year. Of these 103 were "serious" and one of them serious enough to call for a funeral.

Georgia is in luck. She has a prospect of a big wheat crop, and of a fine peach crop, while the peach crop of Maryland and Delaware was nipped by too much and too many frosts.

There is a St. Louis Judge who should be impeached for inflicting "cruel and unusual punishment." He remitted a fine imposed on a tramp on condition that he take a bath within twelve hours.

A Kansas paper tells of a fellow who came to marry a girl and found her sick with measles; but he married her, measles and all. He would have been a measley galoot if he hadn't.

It is said that the Spanish admiral in Manila was so dead sure of gobbling up the American fleet that he had his prize crew picked out to put in charge. But Dewey gave the prize crews a perpetual furlough.

Senator Caffrey hasn't much confidence in Gomez. He calls him an adventurer, who makes revolutions a business and would sell out to the highest bidder. If Gomez was that kind of a rooster he could have sold out to Spain some time ago at a pretty high figure.

A Paris newspaper digs up a prophecy made by some fellow in 1870, that the United States would swoop down on Cuba and gobble it up. That newspaper is a friend of Spain, but it isn't affording much comfort to the superstitious Spaniards by publishing such prophecies.

Senator Caffrey, of Louisana, in an interview with a correspondent of the New York *World* says "Cuba is as certain to become a part of the Union, as that the war is going on." It may be so, but if so it will be because the Cubans want to get in.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

H. Cronenberg—A card.
Lecture Committee—A card.
King Grocey Co.—Fine tomatoes.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For Sale—Carriage horses.
Wanted—Assistant bookkeeper.

LOCAL DOTS.

— There will be services at Southside Baptist Church to-night.

— With a Schley and a Sampson, the sly and the strong, we ought to catch Cervera and beat him right along.

— The Bible Class for men meets to-morrow at 9.45 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. lecture room. A full attendance is desired.

— In Justice McGowan's Court yesterday Fannie Baker was convicted and made to pay the costs in a case of disorderly conduct.

— The regular, *bona fide* circulation of THE MORNING STAR is much larger than that of any other daily newspaper published in Wilmington.

— Note that the advertisement of the Carolina Beach schedule says that the *Wilmington* will leave for the Beach at 2.30 P. M. to-morrow (Sunday), returning at 7 P. M.

— Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. Church, who has been attending the Methodist General Conference in Baltimore, will return home to-day, and will fill his pulpit tomorrow morning and evening.

— The frame work of the new house that Capt. J. R. Williams is having built, on Orange street just west of Mr. J. H. Watter's residence, is up, and it is easy to see that the building is going to be a handsome one.

— Owen Moore, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Boykin, died yesterday afternoon, aged three months. The funeral will be at the residence, No. 514 Princess street, at 5 P. M. to day. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

CAUSED BY A CAMERA LAMP.

Small Fire In Mr. Ed Warren's Room—No Trouble In Mr. Cronenberg's Gallery.

Quite an exciting "little fire scare" occurred yesterday in the apartments of Mrs. E. Warren over Greenwald's shoe store. The trouble was caused by a small camera lamp which was left burning in Mr. Ed Warren's room. The lamp blazed up several inches and caught some adjacent clothing and spread to the door of the room, which was badly burned before the flames were extinguished.

The fire was extinguished by the inmates of the house, with the assistance of several gentlemen who came to their aid. No fire alarm was sent in to the fire department. At the request of Mr. H. Cronenberg, the photographer, the STAR states that the report in an afternoon paper to the effect that the fire occurred in his gallery was erroneous. His gallery was in an adjoining building and was in no way connected with the fire.

LOCAL MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

Assured Fact That the Wilmington Musical Association Will Entertain.

Now that the May Musical Festival Company has failed to serve to Wilmington people the royal musical feast which had been expected of them, it is gratifying to know that about May 30th the Wilmington Musical Association will give a musical festival which will doubtless be in every way a delightful treat. Mr. Ed. H. Munson was seen by a STAR representative last night and said that the festival was an assured fact, and important action in regard to the programme would be taken at the Association's regular weekly practice Monday night. It is reasonably safe to say that a feature of the event will be the rendering of the famous "Stabat Mater," chorus and solos which would have been presented by the visiting company had they filled their engagement. The festival by the Musical Association will be in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

On account of Wake Forest Commencement, Wake, N. C., May 23rd-26th, the Seaboard Air Line will sell round trip tickets to that point at $6.00 for the round trip; tickets on sale May 21st to 25th inclusive; final limit May 26th.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. E. Johnson, of Fair Bluff, is in the city.

— Mr. H. Pike, of Southport, is registered at The Orton.

— Mr. W. E. Thigpen, of Chadbourn, spent last night in the city.

— Mr. R. B. Hall, of Hallsboro, was one of the visitors in the city yesterday.

— Miss Bessie M. Fillyaw returned home yesterday from a visit to Rocky Mount.

— Mr. B. O. Stone returned to the city yesterday from a business trip to Wilson and other towns.

— Mr. Victor Bear, who has been at Asheville, attending Bingham's Military School, has arrived home for the Summer.

— The STAR office received a pleasant call last night from Rondolph Duffy, Esq., of Onslow county, who was nominated yesterday in the Democratic Judicial Convention, at Wallace, for the Solicitorship in this district.

— Messrs. Eugene S. Martin, M. S. Willard, J. C. Munds, H. H. Munson, and Dr. W. E. Storm, who have been attending the Masonic councils in Raleigh, returned yesterday. All of them were elected to positions of prominence.

— Lieut. Geo. L. Morton went down to Carolina Beach yesterday to inspect the work on the signal station. The building will be completed inside of two weeks. At present the signal corps are quartered in Capt. S. W. Skinner's cottage.

— Rev. J. B. Harrell returned yesterday after an absence of several weeks spent in attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk and visiting his mother at Eure, Gates county. Mrs. Harrell and family are visiting relatives at Goldsboro.

— The Baltimore *Sun* of yesterday says: "Mr. Harry Waters, who has returned from his yachting trip in the Mediterranean sea, was in Baltimore for a short time yesterday. He left his yacht at a neutral port in the Mediterranean, as the war made it liable to seizure."

MAY MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

The Company Collapsed at Charlotte. Unable to Fill Its Engagement in Wilmington.

The failure of the May Musical Festival company to fill their engagement here is a great disapointment for music loving people and worst of all entails a severe financial loss upon the management of the Y. M. C. A., under the auspices of whom the company was to have appeared. Their engagement here would have concluded their Southern trip for the season and it is rather remarkable that a company comprising the talent and bearing the reputation this one did, should have disbanded so near the end of their prearranged tour.

It was claimed by the management that the expenses of the company were $1,000 per day, and last Wednesday Secretary Diggs, of the Y. M. C. A., received a telegram from the May Festival Company's manager, S. J. Atkinson, asking what amount had been paid in here for tickets, and adding that the company had lost $3,000. Mr. Diggs telegraphed that upwards of $500 had been taken in and a big crowd was assured.

On Thursday several telegrams were exchanged with the company at Charlotte, all of which indicated quite a "shaky" condition of affairs at Charlotte. Finally, Mr. Atkinson telegraphed Secretary Diggs that the orchestra had assumed management and that he (Atkinson) had retired from the company. Then Mr. Diggs was notified that the orchestra refused to come to Wilmington, but several of the soloists would fill the engagement if the Y. M. C. A. would give them a guarantee. To this Mr. Diggs replied that he could not guarantee anything, but thought that he could hold the crowd. This was the status of affairs at 12.30 yesterday morning. Nothing was said in the MORNING STAR about the matter lest at least some portion of the troupe should come and their prospects be prejudiced by the publication. Not until yesterday forenoon did the Y. M. C. A. management get a final announcement that they would not come. And even then the members of the company had left Charlotte en route for their Northern homes.

As will be seen from a card published in another column, the Y. M. C. A. will refund all money paid for tickets by subscribers here. Quite a number were redeemed yesterday.

Revival Services.

The revival services at Southside Baptist Church are continuing with marked interest. Rev. F. M. Woods, the Alabama evangelist, who is conducting the meetings, is making a very fine impression—he has the faculty of thoroughly interesting those who go to hear him. The congregation is large every night. The meetings will probably be continued through next week.

Excursion Yesterday Well Patronized.

Yesterday was the very day for an excursion. It was hot as in midsummer in the city, and the idea of cool breezes blowing refreshingly from the ocean was sufficient attraction to draw a large crowd on board the *Wilmington* for every one of her trips. The first excursion of the season was accordingly a great success.

HON. OLIVER H. ALLEN

The Democratic Nominee for Judge of the Sixth Judicial District.

RODOLPH DUFFY SOLICITOR.

Nomination Was Made Unanimous—District Executive Committee Appointed. Convention Harmonious—Decided Opposition to Fusion.

The Democratic Convention of the Sixth Judicial District was called to order yesterday at noon, at Wallace, by Rodolph Duffy, Esq., chairman of the District Executive Committee. The Wilmington delegation, twenty-seven strong, was headed by Dr. J. E. Matthews.

In calling the convention to order Mr. Duffy stated that although it was his duty as chairman of the committee to act as temporary chairman, for private reasons he would prefer not to act. He requested Iredell Meares, Esq., to act in his place, and Mr. W. L. Arendell, of Carteret county, was invited to act as temporary secretary. Mr. Meares took the chair and made a strong speech on the issues confronting the party.

There were no contested seats and a Committee on Credentials was not appointed, all county delegates being requested to hand their credentials to the secretary. On motion, the temporary organization was made permanent and the chairman appointed as assistants to the secretary L. A. Bethune, of Clinton, and J. W. Jackson, of Wilmington.

Nominations for Judge.

The chairman stated that the next business before the convention was the nomination for Judge. Nominating speeches were on motion limited to five minutes in length. The roll of counties was called and nominations were made as follows.

Jno. D. Kerr, of Clinton, representing the majority vote of Sampson county, nominated Hon. O. H. Allen, of Kinston. One half of the Lenoir delegation seconded the nomination. Col. Roger Moore and W. B. McKoy, Esq., of Wilmington, made speeches seconding Judge Allen's nomination on behalf of the New Hanover delegation.

Capt. Swift Galloway, of Snow Hill, was placed in nomination by Greene county, and Lenoir placed in nomination N. J. Rouse, Esq., of Kinston. P. B. Manning, Esq., and Herbert McClammy, Esq., of Wilmington, seconded Mr. Rouse's nomination. H. L. Stevens, Esq., of Warsaw, was also placed in nomination.

The first ballot showed that the Convention was for Allen. He received a very large majority and his nomination was made unanimous. The vote by counties was as follows:

Carteret—Allen, 23.
Duplin—Allen, 21; Stevens, 10.
Greene—Galloway, 20.
Jones—Allen, 13.
Lenoir—Allen, 16; Rouse 16.
New Hanover—Allen, 24; Rouse, 6; Stevens, 9; Galloway, 3.
Onslow—Allen, 11; Rouse, 7: Galloway, 3.
Pender—Allen, 20; Stevens, 2.
Sampson—Allen, 15; Stevens, 10.
Total—Allen, 143; Rouse, 29, Stevens, 31; Galloway, 26.

In the foregoing figures fractions are omitted.

District Solicitor.

Mr. W. L. Arendell, of Carteret county, nominated Charles L. Abernethey, of Beaufort for solicitor. Lenoir seconded the nomination, W. B. McKoy, Esq., of Wilmington, speaking for the majority of the New Hanover delegation, nominated Jno. T. Bland, Esq., of Burgaw. Mr. Bland was also nominated by R. G. Grady, Esq., of Burgaw. The Onslow delegation placed before the convention the name of Rodolph Duffy, Esq, of Onslow. Frank Thompson, Esq, of Jacksonville, seconded the nomination. Sampson county also seconded Mr. Duffy's nomination.

The first ballot resulted, fractions omitted: Duffy, 88; Abernethy, 79; Bland, 74. Second—Duffy, 108; Abernethy, 70; Bland, 52. Third—Duffy, 112; Abernethy, 84; Bland, 46.

At the end of the third ballot Messrs. Abernethy and Bland withdrew from the contest, asking their friends to support Duffy, whose nomination was then made unanimous.

A motion was made asking the chairman to name a committee of three to notify Judge Allen, who was out of the meeting, of his nomination. Messrs. H. E. Faison, of Sampson; Frank Thompson, of Onslow, and J. D. Kerr, of Duplin, were named on the committee.

The Convention passed the usual motion, extending thanks for favors.

6th Judical District Executive Committee.

Before adjournment the chairman asked the delegation from each county to name its member of the Executive Committee. This was done with the following result: Jones, T. C. Whitaker; Carteret, C. L. Abernethy; Duplin, L. V Grady; Greene, T. Edwards; Lenoir, G. T. Ormond; New Hanover, DuBrutz Cutlar, Jr.; Pender, Wm. Hand; Onslow, Frank Thompson; Sampson, H. E. Faison.

Convention Briefs.

Frank Thompson, Esq., of Onslow, one of the orators of the convention, and Rodolph Duffy, Esq., the successful candidate for solicitor, are in the city, returning home. Messrs. F. G. Westbrook, G. H. Simmons, F. W. Hargett, T. B. Henderson and Col. S. B. Taylor, the other members of the Onslow delegation, went to their homes through the country from Wallace.

Editor L. A. Bethune, of the Sampson *Democrat*, one of the secretaries of the convention, came down to Wilmington yesterday evening.

Nothing in or about the convention was clearer than that the Democrats do not consider fusion expedient. In almost every speech there was reference to co-operation, but in every instance decided hostility to the idea was expressed. Frank Thompson, a brother of Dr. Cy Thompson, one of the leading Populists, was the most outspoken of all in his opposition to fusion.

MORE RELICS RECEIVED.

Miss Parsley and Miss Sanders Spend the Afternoon at the Museum—Mrs. Legg's Contribution.

Mrs. W. M. Parsley and Miss Mary Sanders were at the Confederate Museum yesterday afternoon from 5 to 6:30 o'clock to receive relics and complete the work of re-arrangement. The cases which were referred to in yesterday's STAR as being made by Messrs. Fore and Foster were sent up to the Museum during the afternoon and were ready to put in service. There was also a neat rack for the cavalry saddle presented Thursday by Master William Parsley Emerson. Besides arranging many of the exhibits the ladies also devoted some time to putting a new lining into the old saddle, the original linings having been in a very dilapidated condition. A saddle-maker could scarcely have done a better job than they did either. The museum now presents quite a creditable appearance, and is well worth a visit by those interested in the perpetuation of the memories of the "Lost Cause."

The most extensive donation made to the museum yesterday was by little Miss Mary Barton Legg. This comprised several Confederate stamps and a soldier's large pocket-book carried by Private Henry B. Galloway, of Company E, Twentieth N. C. volunteers. In the pocket-book was a collection of interesting relics. There was a thirty-day furlough, granted to Mr. Galloway Oct. 10th, 1862; a surgeon's certificate of his inability to return to post duty; this was dated Jan. 31st, 1863; a permit from provost marshal to visit Wilmington, Oct. 4th, 1862, besides a quantity of Confederate bills, several letters, etc.

Capt. J. T. Rankin sent a roster of the First N. C. battalion of heavy artillery.

The museum will be open as usual next Friday afternoon.

WARM TIMES IN DARKTOWN.

Colored Man Alarms the Natives by the Reckless Use of a Gun.

There has been a perfect mania of shooting in the northern part of the city for the last day or two. How George W. Williams, colored, was shot on Thursday night has already appeared in the STAR. It turned out, however, that he wasn't hurt so badly after all, as he was able to go before a justice of the peace and make affidavit that the shooting was accidental.

At the corner of Eighth and Harnett, just a block from the place where the shooting occurred, yesterday afternoon there was another colored man who threatened to shoot, and brandished a gun about most violently. His name is John Fair, aged about twenty-seven years. He marched up and down the piazza of his house and threatened to shoot anybody except his mother that dared approach.

Officer R. F. Rowan, who after night duty was asleep at his home, 312 Harnett street, was awakened and asked to go to arrest Fair. When he got to the house there were seventy-five or a hundred people congregated in front of the house, but the colored man had taken to the words.

Nor was this the only shooting scrape yesterday. Another one, which occurred on Campbell street, is described elsewhere.

Mayor Wright's Court.

The Mayor's Court yesterday had a docket of only three cases. The one of most interest was that against Andrew Sauls, charged with shooting Geo. W. Williams, colored, as told in yesterday's STAR. The additional charge of resisting an officer was entered upon the warrant. An affidavit by the wounded man, Williams, to the effect that the shooting was accidental, cleared Sauls of the first charge, and he was only tried for resisting an officer. Policemen Huggins and Gurganus were the witnesses. Sauls was bound over to the next term of the Criminal Court in a bond of $50. The other two offenders docketed for trial were Amos Jones, disorderly conduct, and Jno. Hall, for retaining money for truck. Both cases were continued.

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Henry R. Bryan, of Newbern, for Judge and Walter E. Daniel, of Weldon, for Solicitor.

At the Democratic convention of the Second Judicial District, held in Rocky Mount yesterday, Judge Henry R. Bryan, of Newbern, was re-nominated for Judge and Walter E. Daniel, of Weldon, for Solicitor.

Child Run Over.

At Fourth and Brunswick streets yesterday a colored child was run over and injured by a runaway horse and buggy, driven by Mr. Walter Hudson. Mr. Hudson lost control of the horse and was not to blame for the accident. The child's injuries were attended to by Dr. J. H. Alston, colored.

NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Order for the First Regiment to Leave for Tampa, Fla., Countermanded.

TRAINS WERE IN WAITING

And the Troops in Readiness When the Order Came—The Wilmington Company—Colored Battalion to Mobilize Next Week.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., May 20.

Col. Armfield received an order from Washington this morning instructing him not to proceed with his regiment to Tampa. The entire regiment had struck tents and packed up ready for departure when the order came. The special trains had been sent to Pullen Park and were waiting to be loaded. The news was a great disappointment to the soldiers, who were ready to start.

Col. Armfield wired the War Department of his readiness to move and asked that the regiment, if possible, be allowed to depart to-day. At 11 o'clock Col. Armfield had received no reply to his message.

Mr. F. L. Merritt, of the *News and Observer*, will accompany the regiment to Tampa and will accompany the State troops to Cuba as war correspondent for his paper.

Miss Mildred Barbee, young daughter of Mr. E. B. Barbee, died this morning of appendicitis. Her death is a most distressing and sad affair. Miss Barbee was just entering womanhood, and was a universal favorite in the city.

Major Hayes will get the appointment of brigadier general. Major Hayes was so notified last night, by wire. He will be sent to Manila with Gen. Merritt. Major Hayes left this morning for Washington to report to the war department. He expects to leave for the Philippines at once.

The Wilmington company is comfortably located in its new quarters. Capt. MacRae tells me that the fare is excellent and that the company has the best cook in camp. All the Wilmington boys are much liked here. Mrs. MacRae has joined her husband here.

Mrs. Bagley has written Col. Armfield a letter expressing her appreciation and thanks for the sympathy and honor shown her in the funeral services of her son, the late Ensign Bagley.

The colored battalion will be mobilized at Fort Macon next week. The battalion would have been mobilized prior to this had it not been for the slowness with which the Second regiment has been gotten together.

The fight for fusion in the Democratic State Convention is going to be hotly contested. Outside of the politicians the Democrats here seem to be violently opposed to any combination with the Populists. The endorsement of Russell and his administration by the Populist Convention has turned many Democrats against the proposition.

ANOTHER SHOOTING AFFAIR.

Lula Green, Colored, Shot and Painfully Wounded by Her Husband, Mercer Green.

Yesterday afternoon Mercer Green, colored, shot and painfully wounded his wife, Lula Green. The shooting occurred about 4 o'clock, in their home on Campbell street between Third and Fourth streets. As soon as the shooting occurred Green went out to a neighboring grocery store and had a policeman telephoned for. Sergeant R. F. Gore came up from the City Hall, and Green surrendered himself to be locked up. He seemed right much under the influence of drink.

As soon as the shot was fired Lula Green, the wounded woman, ran into the street calling for help. She ran across the street to a house occupied by Vina Johnson and several other women. It was some time before medical aid was secured. Finally, Dr. W. D. McMillan and Dr. S. P. Wright came and extracted the bullet which had made a painful but not serious flesh wound in the right thigh.

To a STAR reporter the woman said that she had no idea why her husband shot her. The fact is that as soon as she and her friends discovered that they were talking to a reporter they refused to give any further particulars. Later, the reporter had a conversation with Mercer Green in the city prison. He said he was fireman for engineer Horne on the W. & W. railroad. He said that he went home to dinner in company with Frank Gause and after the latter had gone out he and his wife began to scuffle over a pistol which she had taken from his hip pocket and it accidentally fired. He claims that the shooting was purely accidental. The wife on the other hand, at the time the reporter saw her, claimed that it was intentional, but she did not know what caused him to shoot.

Green will have a preliminary trial before Mayor Wright to-day.

At the Baptist Church To-morrow.

Rev. William Lunsford, pastor of East Roanoke (Va.) Baptist Church, will arrive here to-day and occupy the pulpit at the First Baptist Church to-morrow morning and evening. While here he will be the guest of Mr. B. A. Jones, on Third street. Rev. Mr. Lunsford is a minister of excellent reputation as an eloquent and forcible speaker and should be greeted to-morrow by large congregations.

Went to Visit Their Former Comrades.

A number of the members of Wilmington Division of Naval Reserves went down to Carolina Beach on the late excursion boat last night and paid a visit to the detachment of Reserves who form the signal corps down there.

PRUDENT ADVERTISERS SHOULD NOTE THESE FACTS.

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Church Notices.

First Presbyterian Church. Services at 11 a. m. and 8. m., conducted by Rev. Alexander Sprunt of Rock Hill, S. C. Holy communion at the morning service. Sunday School at 4.30 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8.15 p. m. on Thursday. Seats free.

Grace Methodist E. Church, South, northeast corner of Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. A. P. Tyer, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 8.00 p. m. Sunday school at 4.30 p. m. Experience meeting at 10 a. m. in the lecture room. Weekly Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend these services.

Fifth Street M. E. Church, South, situated on Fifth street, between Nun and Church, Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 8.00 p. m. Sunday School at 4.00 p. m. The public cordially invited to all services.

The regular services will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to-morrow, Rev. Dr. Alexander Sprunt, of Rock Hill, S. C., will preach at night.

The regular Services at the Seamen's Bethel will be conducted to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. A. D. Bernheim. Seamen and river men are especially invited. All welcome.

There will be preaching services at First Baptist Church to-morrow at 11.00 a. m. and 8.00 p. m., conducted by Rev. A. H. Harnly of Chadbourn, N. C.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets. Rev. J. W. Kramer, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3.00 p. m. Weekly Prayer and Praise meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

Bladen Street Methodist E. Church, Southwest corner of Bladen and Fifth streets, Rev. G. D. Langston, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3.30 a. m. Class meeting 3 o'clock p. m. Weekly Prayer meeting and lecture Thursday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to these services.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Rev. P. C. Morton, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7.15 p. m. Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. Christian Endeavor Society every Wednesday night. Sewing School Tuesday and Saturday at 3.30 to 4.00 p. m.

South Side Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. F. H. Farrington, Pastor. Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. Weekly Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7.30.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

DIED.

BOYKIN—In this city, Friday afternoon, May 20th, OWEN MOORE, infant son of Julia Augusta and B. Frank Boykin, aged 3 months.

Funeral will take place at residence, No. 514 Princess street, at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend. Interment in Oakdale.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A Card.

I TAKE THIS METHOD OF INFORMING THE public that the report in the "Evening Dispatch" that there was an aggressive conflagration at my place of business yesterday was altogether erroneous as there was no fire whatever about my place of business or residence.
my 21 1t H. CRONENBERG.

A Card.

THE MAY MUSICAL FESTIVAL COMPANY disbanded in Charlotte, and without explanations, refused at the last moment to fill its contract for Wilmington concerts. We wish to thank the public for its appreciation of our efforts, and for the expressions of sympathy in our disappointment and loss. Of course all tickets sold will be at once redeemed. Please present them to the Secretary within the next five days at furthest. In thanking our friends for past patronage we wish them to know that their wants in this line are still receiving careful consideration in our plans for the next Star Course.
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Fine Tomatoes 10c Qt.

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Pure Leaf Lard 8½c lb.
Best Table Butter 24c lb.
Granulated Sugar 6c lb.

Rival Brand Condensed Milk, 3 cans for 25c. Now is the time to lay in your supply and this is the place.

THE KING GROCERY CO.
B. F. KING, MANAGER.
'Phone 267. Fourth Street Bridge.
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FLOUR, all kinds.
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PROVISIONERS,
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IS THE ISLAND WORTH IT!

Spain wonders, when besieged with yellow fever on one side and Uncle Sam on the other, and beef $2.00 per pound. Blanco must envy those who can procure good, nourishing, juicy American beef at such prices as we are selling at. Our high grade meats are delicious in flavor, tender and juicy in quality, and are cut for your table by experts.

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Leave for Carolina Beach and Southport at 9.30 A. M.; arrive back 5 P. M., daily except Sunday, until further notice.

Leave Wilmington Sunday at 2.30 P. M. Return at 7 P. M.
my 15 tf J. W. HARPER.

Wilmington Seacoast R. R.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, MAY 16, 1898, the following schedule will be in effect over the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad:

Trains will leave Wilmington daily, except Sundays, at 10.15 A. M., 2.30 P. M. and 6.30 P. M. Leave Ocean View daily, except Sundays, at 7.30 A. M., 11 A. M. and 5 P. M.

On Sunday trains will leave Wilmington at 2.30 P. M. and 6 P. M. Leave Ocean View at 4 P. M.
R. O. GRAPP,
my 14 tf Superintendent

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 21, 1898

NO COLONIZING.

We are now preparing to send 15,000 men from San Francisco to enable Admiral Dewey to take and hold possession of the Philippines. This is all right, for having destroyed the Spanish fleet which was sent to protect the islands it would be only half a victory if he did not capture and take possession of them. That is war, and while we are at war we should pursue it in the most thorough manner, strike the enemy as hard as we can and go for everything in sight worth going for. But taking these islands and holding them are two different things. One is a wise thing to do because it cripples the enemy; the other is not a wise thing to do because it might cripple us. And there may be difficulties in the way of holding them which are not yet apparent, but which time may and doubtless will reveal.

While other nations would have no just grounds for objection to our continued occupation, still some other nations might object, and this would in all probability lead to friction between this country and them. If they protested against our holding the islands it would make us the more determined to hold them, and then friction would be sure to come and the islands would become a source of vexatious annoyance to us. But in addition to creating friction with other nations the permanent occupancy of the islands would lead to friction with the natives, which would be quite as bad if not worse than friction with other nations.

Those people know very little of the United States, and a great deal of what they think they do know is erroneous. There is only a small number of them engaged in the insurrection against Spain.

What understanding there may have been between Admiral Dewey and the insurgent leaders we do not know but the probabilities are that it was such as to preclude the permanent occupancy of the islands by American troops. The insurgents might seriously and vigorously object to this, as those of them who are fighting have been fighting not to exchange masters, not to get American masters in place of the Spaniards. Admiral Dewey seems to have had the co-operation of some of the leading insurgents, but there appears to be division among them, some leaning towards the Spaniards. There has been so much of this that the report comes that the insurgents as allies do not count for much. But whether they amount to anything or not they will think they amount to a good deal. Some inducement was doubtless offered them to co-operate with Admiral Dewey's fleet, the keeping of which would preclude the seizure and retention of the islands by us. This would leave two factors to be considered—other nations and the natives. In either event it would not mean unquestioned possession, but would practically mean forced possession.

The fifteen thousand men being sent to re-enforce Admiral Dewey, are not so much to overcome the Spaniards, as for the purpose of awing the insurgents after the Spaniards have surrendered. With a divided population, some friendly to the United States, and the majority not so a day longer than the United States are engaged in ridding the island of Spanish soldiers and rulers, this reinforcement of 15,000 men sent from San Francisco will be the first instalment, for others will be necessary to hold the islands if we should decide to hold them.

But they can't be held with troops alone, for these troops must be supported by a fleet powerful enough to cope with the fleets of other nations which might be cruising in those waters. It would mean a large addition to the standing army, and between the expense of keeping a reasonably strong navy and a sufficiently strong army to make our footing sure the ownership would foot us up a pretty large bill of expense, not for one year, but for many years. What we would get out of them in return is altogether speculative. There may be, and doubtless is, a possibility of building up considerable trade, and there may be undeveloped sources of wealth there, but the more of this there is the more difficult it would be for us to retain undisturbed possession and the greater the incentive would be to other and rival nations to incite opposition which would embarrass us in holding them.

What these resources are is but vaguely known, because even the best known and most attractive of the islands have been but little explored, so that there is but little known about the resources outside of the staple articles of export, which no doubt with a more pushing and industrious population might be indefinitely increased. Whether there be 114,000 square miles in the group, as stated by some, or 150,000 square miles, as stated by others, and whether they be populated by 7,000,000, as stated by some, or by 15,000,000, as stated by others, and whether there be gold mines or not, this country would find them too expensive and too risky to hold. We may and do need coaling stations and should have them, but we do not want any colonies, especially so far from home, and filled by a population who have nothing in common with us.

COLOSSAL CHEEK.

The Populist leaders in this State are not model manipulators, but if their ability was proportionate to their cheek they would be a power. They have not the cunning to conceal their hands when they are trying to play a smart game, and while pretending to be actuated by a desire to promote the public weal, they practically admit that the public weal does not amount to a continental when put in the scales with the spoils of office. The Butler faction is desirous of co-operating with "any party, or any faction of any party," on the terms as set forth in the following resolution, adopted by the convention at Raleigh:

"*Resolved*, That this convention elect a conference committee, which shall be authorized to confer with any party, or faction of a party, that declares its endorsement of the above principles and purposes, and that favors co-operation with the People's party, to carry the same into effect upon such basis as will maintain intact the integrity of the People's party, and as will preserve to it not less than its present representation in both State and national affairs."

Reduced to its essence this is simply an invitation to some other party or faction of a party to come in and help the Populists to retain the offices, national and State, which they now hold, and help them to get some more. Of course the man who drafted this resolution and the faction in the Convention which voted for it had not the remotest thought that it would be considered for a minute by any Democratic convention. Surely no Democratic convention would stultify itself by entering into a combination to elect five Populists to Congress and send Marion Butler for another term to the U. S. Senate and give him a pull on the Federal spoils. That is entirely too cheeky even from men whose leading characteristic is cheek. It is pretty safe to say that there is no Democrat, even if once inclined to fusion, who would be willing to swallow a dose like that.

MINOR MENTION.

A Washington dispatch says there is "a growing belief that the war may last over a year." Whether there is this growing belief or not, there is certainly a growing belief that there might be more efficiency somewhere in the management of this war. It does not require great military skill or training to know that it takes time to equip and put armies in the field and get the men in fighting trim, and knowing this, why all these premature announcements about army movements, getting ready to invade Cuba and all that kind of thing, when they know they are not prepared to invade Cuba or anything but a camp? The fact that these announcements are made, to be recalled with sundry reasons given for the change in plan, all of which should have been known before the plan was announced, has had a tendency to shake confidence in the central management and create the impression that the "strategic board" is as much "at sea" as the fleets that are trying to catch up with that dodging Spanish squadron. People should not expect too much, nor too much rush, for it takes time to move armies, but the army movers should not not be prematurely announcing too much, and find themselves compelled to countermand orders when the soldiers and the country were expecting the onward movement to begin. This has a bad effect at home, and it gives the enemy notice and more time to hustle and strengthen his defences to meet the army when it does come.

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Admiral Cervera, who is dodging around in Caribbean waters with his fleet of seven ships, has one advantage over either Commodore Sampson or Commodore Schley, he can run faster than either of them. The accumulation of barnacles in the hulls of Sampson's ships has reduced their speed to thirteen miles an hour, while the Spanish fleet, which has been recently cleaned, can make twenty miles. This puts it in the power of the Spanish admiral to outrun the American squadron if he does not desire to give it battle, and to get away from it when too closely pressed. Having confidence in his running ability may make the Spanish admiral bold enough to venture nearer to the Cuban shore than he otherwise would and to make a dash on some of the blockading fleet, with a view to doing some damage and then getting away. This would give him some prestige, and would nerve the home Government to renewed efforts. Any damage inflicted on the blockading squadron would be heralded as a great triumph, and they would make the most of it. There are several kinds of barnacles, and those that cluster on the hulls of ships and make them drag through the water are not the worst. The barnacles that plan campaigns and hamper commanders are sometimes a good deal worse.

At Washington they seem to be providing pretty liberally for the sons of distinguished men. Russell B. Harrison, young Logan and young Blaine, have all secured soft snap positions in the volunteer army, without any particular reason why they should. If they wanted to show their patriotism, they might have gone in and toted a musket as good and better men are doing. This reminds us of the remark of a New York lady who referred to the Seventh Regiment as "Nobodies, who are the sons of Somebodies."

We don't hear much of William Doherty, who smuggled the plans of the Manila fortifications, and other information about the Spanish fleet, &c., to Admiral Dewey at Hong Kong, but he did his work all right. He fixed them all up nicely in a laundried shirt and passed the customs officers. He delivered the done-up shirt to Dewey, who then knew how to go about doing-up the fortifications and that Spanish fleet.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— "Joe" Wheeler and Fitzhugh Lee were the first major generals of volunteers sworn in for the war against Spain. The South has also given the first American officer to fall, the gallant Ensign Bagley, who came from the beautiful capital of North Carolina.—*Philadelphia Press, Rep.*

—— Spain, as a war power, was once the most potential of all the nations. She overawed all Europe and Asia, and conquered nearly half of the western world. But her rulers never educated the masses, and we see the result. There is a good deal in blood, race, etc., but culture is much more than half the battle.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— Germany has not yet placed herself formally on record as a neutral in this war, but she may be trusted to observe practically the obligations of one. The Emperor in his speech dismissing the Reichstag said he regarded it as his duty to fulfil all such obligations, and there is no sovereign who more scrupulously discharges all that he deems his duty.—*New York Tribune, Rep.*

—— Two-thirds of the army corps under General Shafter, now assembled at Tampa, is composed of regular troops; and upon these experienced men will be placed the responsibility of beginning military operations in Cuba. There will evidently be no danger of failure from lack of practice in the tactics and discipline of war, which should be almost second nature to the picked men of Shafter's corps.—*Philadelphia, Record, Dem.*

It is economy to profit by the experience of others. Thousands have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. Why not you? †

— Mrs. Bickers—"Did you draw a prize in the marriage lottery?" Mrs. Tiff—"Yes, the booby prize."

Suffered 20 Years.

MRS. MARY LEWIS, wife of a prominent farmer, and well known by all old residents near Belmont, N. Y., writes: "For twenty-seven years I had been a constant sufferer from nervous prostration, and paid large sums of money for doctors and advertised remedies without benefit. Three years ago my condition was alarming; the least noise would startle and unnerve me. I was unable to sleep, had a number of sinking spells and slowly grew worse. I began using Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and Nerve and Liver Pills. At first the medicine seemed to have no effect, but after taking a few bottles I began to notice a change; I rested better at night, my appetite began to improve and I rapidly grew better, until now I am as nearly restored to health as one of my age may expect. God bless Dr. Miles' Nervine."

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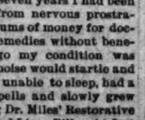

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Jacksonville *Times*: John Morris, an old veteran of the late war, died at his home near Tar Landing, on Monday, after a short illness. He was well and favorably known throughout this section.

— Lexington *Dispatch*: The farmers from the country inform us that wheat has been damaged considerably by the recent cold snap. Also that there is a fly damaging wheat in many sections of the county.

— Dunn *Union*: The South is beginning to raise more cattle for market. During this spring there have been more cattle shipped by this point than any previous year. Occasionally a freight passes with several carloads of fat cattle for the northern markets.

— High Point *Enterprise*: In some portions of Randolph the wheat fly is doing great damage to the crop. This little fly eats the stalk off near the root. So great has been the damage in one neighborhood that the wheat has been ploughed under and the ground prepared for a crop of another kind.

— Winston *Republican*: A peculiar accident happened near Big Creek, Stokes county, a few days ago. Mr. Thornt Smith was climbing a tree to the nest of a large owl, when the bird attacked him, tearing out one of Mr. Smith's eyes and nearly doing the same injury to the other.

— Weldon *News*: J. B. Carr, postmaster at Glenview, in this county, was placed on trial before United States Commissioner Gooch, Tuesday and Wednesday, for aiding and abetting in a swindling scheme through the mails. A great many witnesses were examined and after hearing all the Commissioner bound the defendant over in a bond for $200 for his appearance at the next term of the Federal Court.

— Raleigh *Times-Visitor*: Paulus Williams, one of the deserters from Camp Grimes, returned to Camp Sunday voluntarily and reported to his company the Goldsboro Rifles. Williams will be punished for absence without leave. Robert Mitchell, the other deserter, was returned to camp under escort and will be more severely dealt with. —— In the hospital at Camp Grimes there are some very sick patients, with from fifty to one hundred applicants for treatment. The hospital is the Floral Hall in the fair grounds, and is neatly decorated with the National colors. Dr. Tharsh, hospital Steward, and a good physician has charge of the hospital and is doing all he can to make his patients comfortable.

TWINKLINGS.

— "Isn't she interested in some work of reform?" "I understand that she devotes a great deal of time to her husband."

— "Rodney is a hustler, I tell you." "What now?" "He has bought the right to sell sovenirs of brass guns captured from Spanish vessels.

— "How did Ricketts come to be called Colonel?" asked Cumso. "He admits that he was never in the war." "The substitute he hired reached that rank," replied Crawker.

— "It is perfectly ridiculous for Timmins to think of becoming an Arctic explorer," remark Goldsborough "Of course it is," replied Dillingham. "He couldn't deliver a lecture to save his life."

— "Can't you send any encouraging news whatever to the public?" inquired one Spanish official." "Yes," replied the other, after some thought. "You can tell them that Cuba will be pacified sure enough in a very short time."—*Washington Star.*

— Young Bluegrass—"The doctor said this morning that I had water on the brain." Old Lexington—"Impossible!" Young Bluegrass—"Then you think he made a mistake about the water?" Old Lexington—"No; about the brain."

— "Man proposes, you know," began the handsome male caller. "He does nothing of the kind," snapped Miss Elderly. Then she turned a deep scarlet and excused herself while she went out to tear her hair and bump her head against a partition wall.

— "Of course," said one Spanish official, "we were unprepared for war." "Yes replied the other. "But there is some satisfaction in reflecting that we are not as unprepared now as we would have been had they waited a few years more."—*Washington Star.*

— Then the Premier Fainted: "Sagasta—"Well, your Majesty, we have one hope left. The rainy season is about to begin in Cuba." The Queen Regent—"Oh, senor, it looks to me very much as if the reigny season was about to end there."—*Cleveland Leader.*

Got Back His Card.

A well known American newspaper proprietor had a dispute with one of the croupiers at the roulette table at Monte Carlo recently, and, being a choleric gentleman and one who cannot bear contradiction, lost his temper and his head, attacked the said croupier and knocked him down. He was immediately seized by officials, rather roughly handled, hustled about and expelled from the rooms; furthermore, his card of admission was withdrawn, and he was informed that he would not be again allowed to enter the Casino. He retired to his hotel and indited a short note to the management, which was the very opposite of an apology, informing them that unless his card was returned, with an apology, within 12 hours he would, to use his own expression, "dynamite their Casino." Such is the respect which the Casino authorities have for the press that the proprietor's card, together with an ample apology, was returned before 10 o'clock the following morning.—New York Post.

London's Lungs.

"London's lungs," as applied to its open spaces, is a good and picturesque phrase, but it involves the pathetic consequence that on holidays London must suffer from congestion of the lungs.—Pick Me Up.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefitted from the first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. Large bottles 50c. and $1.00. †

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

A PEACEMAKER.

Cap'n Jenkins wan't no dude, but he wus mighty fine lookin all the same, specially when he wore his velvet coat, his Mexican sombrero with the silver braid, his buckskin ridin breeches an his gilt spurs. On them 'casions Mrs. Jenkins useter foller him roun till satisfied thet he wus safe 'mongst us boys an 'way frum the ladies. None of us hed ever seen nothin' velvet coat like thet one within 100 miles of Boomopolis. So when Mr. C'l'b Perkins, hailin straight frum Boston, us claimed ter be an artist-a-huntin "local color" fer his sketches, dropped inter Doc Morey's place with 'nother velvet coat an a sombrero, an him Jenkins' size ter an inch—why, us boys all fairly gasped fer breath, an Mr. Perkins found jest what he wus a-lookin fer.

'Twuz the evenin of the day when the Chinese bunkhouse at the Golden Wedge mine wus blowed up with dynamite. Who blowed her up nobody knew, but we all suspicioned Baldy Bowers—big man, bad man. Never havin did a lick of work in his life, it naterally guv Baldy a pain ter see a Chinaman a-workin, so quiet an patientlike, same's a burro, never sayin nothin, 'cept a leetle gochawin onoct in awhile 'mongst his own kind, an never standin treat. Baldy probably lit the fuse ter thet charge of dynamite out of pure, all roun cussedness, jest fer make a row an hurt somebody. But in this last he wus disapp'inted, fer, barrin a broken leg or two, the Chinamen got off alive. Seems like a Chinaman hez as many lives as a cat anyway.

We wus all discussin this event thet evenin in Doc Morey's place, an Cap'n Jenkins remarked thet 'twuz a low down, cowardly trick. He wus no friend of the imported Chinese hirelin, but he b'lieved in fair play. He wouldn't shoot a dog with a rope roun its neck or murder a man in its sleep. The man thet hed done this thing wus no gentleman, an if the cap'n only knew fer certain who 'twuz he'd take pleasure in lickin him within an inch of his wuthless life. We could see Baldy Bowers' eyes flame up, like a coal when you blow it to light your pipe, but he didn't say nothin—not in words. By an by the boys cummenced ter deal fer seven up, an Baldy invited the cap'n ter play a game of cribbage. 'Twuz a queer invite at sech a time, but the cap'n consented, an they sot down at a table by themselves an cummenced ter play.

Cap'n Jenkins insisted 'twuz fair ter count one way an Baldy swore the rule wuz t'other way. I don't know which wuz right, an I don't care. But pretty soon Baldy sez: "Cap'n Jenkins, you're a-countin wrong ag'in. You're a-tryin ter cheat ag'in."

"You're a liar," sed the cap'n, turnin a shade whiter, like he wuz gettin hot.

Then Baldy made a leetle play thet hed often took the starch out of bigger men than Jenkins. He riz up to his 6 feet 2 an throwed off his coat an rolled up his shirt sleeves, showin the muscles on his arm, 'bout ez big ez a keg of beer, an he sez, "Cap'n Jenkins, you leetle whiffet, I'm a-goin ter lick you right now."

"You're a liar," sed the cap'n, an he slowly riz up on ter his feet.

Nobody rightly knowed jest how it happened, but when Baldy drew his big sledge hammer fist back the leetle table thet they'd been a-playin on flew up between 'em, an Baldy's fist come smash ag'in it. As it tumbled ter the floor with a clatter Cap'n Jenkins sorter riz up in the air an brung his left fist like a streak of lightnin ag'in the p'int of Baldy's chin. The big feller jest o'lapsed. His whole body stiffened. He gripped the floor a second or two with his heels an then he went smash full length on ter his back with a jar thet shook the buildin. 'Twuz full five minits by the watch afore he moved a muscle.

Ez soon's Baldy could stan up an take a glass of whisky he went out of the back door, an Cap'n Jenkins went out of the front door. We all knowed thet the nex' thing ter come 'long would be a leetle gun play, an while the two principals wuz gone fer their tools we all took a drink, an three or four as wuz sensitive ter the sight of gore slipped out an spread the news of what wuz a-comin.

Thet wuz how C'l'b Perkins happened ter 'pear on the scene. Havin come ter town arter dark, he wuz eatin his supper at the Transcontinental when he heered the news, an he rushed over ter Morey's thinkin he might swipe a sketch off'n the incident. You could hev knocked us fellers down with a feather when he sprung inter the room like he wuz shot out of a gun an looked roun sorter dazed by the lights an the queer look on our faces. Skeered a little, too, I reckon, fer his voice sorter trembled as he sed, "Gentlemen, will you hev a drink with me?"

Perkins poured out 'bout a finger of whisky in a glass an wuz jest a-raisin it ter his lips when the back door flung open—t'rd which Perkins' back wuz turned—an a big gun come in, followed by Baldy Bowers. 'Thout waitin a second he pulled the trigger, aimin right at the center of thet velvet coat—the back of it. But Tony Moore, the barkeep, wuz too quick fer him all the same. He knocked the muzzle of the gun down with an empty bottle, an the bullet nipped the heel off of Perkins' boot, an the blood ran out on ter the floor. Of course Perkins wuz s'prised. He catched up the heel in his han an stood an hollered. Jest then the sheriff, who'd been a-waitin outside till arter the shootin ter arrest the survivor, if any, come in an nabbed Baldy.

Cap'n Jenkins wuz the ca'mest man of the lot in the confusion thet follered. Sech a shout as went up when he 'peared on the scene. He hed a six shooter in each han when he stepped inter the front door, but he dropped one inter each pocket of his velvet coat an stood smilin, first at C'l'b Perkins, artist, still a-howlin with pain, an then at Baldy Bowers, who wuz a-sulkin in the grasp of the law.

Nex' day the sheriff tried to git somebody to swear out a c'mplaint ag'in Baldy. But the cap'n sed he wuz satisfied an hadn't no c'mplaint to make. Baldy hed insulted him an he hed licked him good—thet wuz all right. An Perkins' sore heel didn't hurt him none—no fault at all to find with thet. He b'lieved in brethren a-dwellin together in unity, an in peace an harmony an good will. He wuz willin ter forgive Baldy Bowers fer bein licked an didn't want to see him sent up ter the county jail. No, he wan't afeared thet Baldy 'd tackle him ag'in. Some friend of Baldy's guv Perkins a new $12 pair of boots an persuaded him thet a leetle thinnin of his blood wuz good fer his health in sech a dry climate. So he wouldn't make no complaint, an Bowers wuz turned loose. But he left town same day, an we never see him ag'in.—William M. Tisdale in Argonaut.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and side, no appetite—gradually growing weaker. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters;' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefitted from the first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. Large bottles 50c. and $1.00. †

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No Alternative.

He was a speculator, and for a year past nothing had been coming his way but expenses. One day his daughter informed him in an unfeeling manner that if he did not give her a diamond bracelet worth at least £150 she would elope with the coachman.

"Come to my arms, my darling child," he exclaimed, as the tears of joy coursed down his wrinkled cheeks, "come to my arms!"

"But shall I get the bracelet?" she asked hesitatingly.

"Of course not," he smiled delightedly. "You get the coachman. I owe him eight months' wages."

That ended it.—Pearson's Weekly.

Weak.

"There's something wrong with this teapot, waiter. I can't get it to pour."

Waiter (with malicious grin)—It's not the fault of the teapot, sir, but the tea. They brew it so weak here it really has not strength to get up the spout.—London Tit-Bits.

Whooping Cough.

I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—J. L. MOORE, South Burgettstown, Pa. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

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Wholesale Prices Current.

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☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute			6¾
Standard			7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔		@	8
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6½	@	7¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	6½	@	7
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	6¼
BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 30
New City, each		@	1 30
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks		@	53
Virginia Meal		@	53
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	80	@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	8	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel		@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 25	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	5 00
Choice		@	6 00
Straight		@	6 65
First Patent		@	7 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8¼
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	56
Car load, in bags—White		@	55
Oats, from store		@	43½
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	85
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	8
Dry		@	12
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	1¾
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	6	@	8
North Carolina	6	@	10½
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 35
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	13	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 40	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	11 50	@	12 50
Rump		@	12 00
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	70
Liabon		@	
American		@	70
On 121 ℔ Sacks		@	65
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Cuttings	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5½	@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C. Golden		@	4¾
C. Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
4x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	4
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon-Northern	1 90	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 90	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	6	@	13

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, May 20.

No quotations; holiday.

Quotations same day last year:—Spirits turpentine steady, 25¼, 24¾c; rosin nothing doing, $1.25, $1.30 bid; tar firm, $1.05; crude turpentine steady, $1.20, $1.80, $1.90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	33
Rosin	45
Tar	30
Crude turpentine	0

Receipts same day last year.—324 casks spirits turpentine, 1,092 bbls rosin, 305 bbls tar, 74 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

No quotations; holiday.

Same day last year, middling 7½c.

Receipts—3 bales; same day last year, 10.

COUNTRY PRODUCE

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 40 to 50c per bushel of 28 pounds; extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c. Virginia—Extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 55 to 57½ cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00 to 1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six-inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $2.50 to 6.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Money on call steady at 1½@1¾ per cent., with last loan at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4@6 per cent. Sterling exchange firm; actual business in bankers' bills 486¼@486¼ for demand; 483¼@483¼ for sixty days. Posted rates 484 and 487. Commercial bills 482@482½. Silver certificates 57¼@58. Bar silver 57¼. Mexican dollars 45¼. Government bonds easier; U.S. new 4's, registered 121¾@122½; do. coupon, 122¼@122¼; U. S. 4's 108@109; do. coupon, 109½@111¼; U. S. 2's, 95; U. S. 5's, registered 110½; do. 5's, coupon, 111¼. State bonds dull; N. C.'s 122½; 4's 105.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine steady at 29½c.

CHARLESTON, May 20.—Spirits turpentine firm at 26c; no sales. Rosin firm; no sales; prices unchanged.

SAVANNAH, May 20.—Spirits turpentine firm at 27c paid and bid; sales 50 casks; receipts 1,473 casks. Rosin firm at the decline on common grades; sales 1,190 barrels; receipts 2,643 barrels; A, B, C $1 05, D $1 10, E $1 15, F $1 20, G $1 25, H $1 45, I $1 45, K $1 45, M $1 50, N 1 65, W G $1 70, W W $1 80.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, May 20.—To-day's market for cotton futures was a small one, both as regards the range of fluctuations and the volume of business. Around the opening trading was fairly active, orders having acc

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Children's Fetiches.

Dr. Gould cited some peculiar instances of personification of objects by children and of devotion to them so intense as to amount almost to worship. Two small girls made a special pet of a stone, to which they gave the name Tom; others, becoming interested in all mice through affection for one small, white mouse, formed themselves into a secret society for the protection of the creatures which are usually the detestation of all womankind. Other instances were given of children who cherished particular affection for special pillows or blankets, who even had pet names for them and who refused to be comforted if separated from the beloved object.—Lecture Before Baltimore Folklore Society.

None In Stock.

"I have been in the business 40 years," said the floorwalker, "but I don't know it all yet. You saw that young woman with the green hair?"

"Yes," replied the ribbon clerk.

"She came up to me and asked if we had any nice house gowns especially suitable for wearing when one was looking for burglars."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Old, Old Story.

"You are the only woman I ever loved," said Adam.

"And you," murmured Eve, "are the first man that ever kissed me."

Then satan smiled and said unto himself, "That is equal to burned cork repartee, and posterity shall perpetuate it." And it was even so.—Chicago News.

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JABE COOK'S TWO RATTLERS

He Caught One Asleep, but Never Could Tell How He Got the Other.

"No, young man, I can't tell you nothin, not but there's things enough happened along the Delaware, an, for that matter, right here in Callicoon, to fill a hundred little books chock full, but I ain't no composer. But I wish to land you'd come 'round before Jabe Cook died. He could a 'commodated you with as many yarns as you could shake a stick at. True ones! Of course. Jabe wan't no great hand on lyin—not ginerally. He ferried here for—oh, I don't know how long. Begun when I was a boy. Run a small boat, an when there was teams or many people took them over in a big scow.

"There ain't scasly any heft of work 'bout runnin a scow. Jabe wouldn't a-took to it if there had been, for he was a sort of lazy coot—didn't hanker after work. When you pole out an git pinted right, the scow'll run itself, an then there's time for swappin horses an talkin. That's where Jabe's talent come in—on talkin. He could talk a blue streak—beat the hull shootin match at it. It beat all how much he knowed about everybody for miles round. An when he begun on one o' his stories he was bound to go through with it. Never knowed him to leave a story half way but oncet.

"One day a passel of us young chaps had been up Hollister brook fishin. When we got back to the ferry, Jabe wan't to be seen, an we set down on the beach to wait for him to come an take us acrost the river. We'd been settin quite a spell, when all of a suddint we heard him shoutin an callin to us. He was comin from an old stone quarry, an I swan if the feller didn't have a live rattlesnake in each hand. We were fast enough 'bout runnin to meet him, but a little skittish 'bout gittin very clost to the snakes, until we were sure he had each one gripped clost enough to the head so's it couldn't turn to bite. It's safe enough carryin rattlers that way—if you hold on tight. The day was hot an Jake was that excited he fairly stuttered a-tryin to tell us how he ketched the snakes an the way we slung questions at him didn't help to cool him down none. A city chap, he said, had promised him $5 an a good jackknife for a live rattler. He'd kinder calkerlated on findin one that day because all the signs were 'bout right for their bein out.

"'Say,' interrupted Si Brown, 'ain't you gittin to know 'most too much 'bout rattlers?'

"'You'll know more about manners when you're growed up,' was Jabe's answer. This was a sockdologer on Si, for, though he was nigh on to 40, he was a little cuss.

"Well, Jabe's story was awful long, for he'd had ruther a rough an tumble sort of a hunt, but the upshot of it all was he found the first rattler asleep behind a holler log, an, said he, 'I crept up as still's a cat after a mouse, an reached over my forked stick an nabbed him.' An suitin his actions to his words, Jabe brought his right hand over—brought it over too near the left. Quicker'n you could say 'Jack Robinson,' the left hand snake stuck his fangs into Jabe's right hand, an the right hand snake did the same for his left hand.

"Jabe's yells, which was enough to wake the dead, an the general thrashin 'round of arms an snakes, scart us boys till every one of us went lickety split up the river bank. We went back when the snakes were gone an helped Jabe home. Si ran for the doctor, an I was soon a-leggin it up the road after whisky.

"No, Jabe didn't die, though he come within an ace of it. He felt awfully cut up 'bout the hull business an to this day we don't know how he ketched that other snake."—New York Sun.

Oratorial Influence.

"There!" exclaimed the man who firmly believes that he is eloquent. "I regard that as the effort of my life."

"It is rather long, isn't it?" remarked the young woman who had been typewriting it.

"But it's bound to produce an effect. Couldn't you notice that it exerts potent influence even when imperfectly delivered?"

"Well," she answered, "I hadn't thought of the connection before; but my foot's asleep."—Washington Star.

Our strength grows out of our weakness. Not until we are pricked and stung and surely shot at, awakens the indignation which arms itself with secret forces.—Emerson.

NARCISSUS.

There was great desolation throughout the kingdom because the daughter of the king was dying of hunger. What? Of hunger? A princess! Were there no more cattle in the fields, game in the forests, vegetables in the garden or fruit in the orchards? Were there no more cooks in the kitchen? What catastrophe had happened? How had it come to pass that such a noble and rich person did not have that which was rarely wanting to the peasant in his cottage, to the beggar in his hut—a bit of bread? Well, if there was not as much bread as she wished she could have the sweetest cake in the world. It needed only a sign and there would be placed upon the table before her the most savory meat, the most delicate venison, peas, strawberries like drops of dew, peaches of violet velvet and oranges of gold.

But this little princess could not eat food that sustained other men and women. The fairies that leaned over her cradle at birth had decided that she should only be nourished by newly opened flowers or the butterflies poised thereon. Now, for two weeks a hurricane had raged in the kingdom, had ravaged the gardens, broken and destroyed the bushes, so it was actually impossible to find a petal of eglantine or a chalice of cactus.

So the princess was in the most pitiable state imaginable. She was paler than the palest flowers, one alone of which would have been enough to save her. She would certainly die if her fast were prolonged for a few hours, and as she had rather a difficult disposition, even when she had enough to eat, you can imagine the rage into which she flew when the ladies of honor entered the royal chamber without bringing her the least little floweret from the fields or the forest.

I said—and I had reason to say—that the whole kingdom was in despair on account of the approaching death of the princess. You would not have recognized the king, he had grown so gray in a few days, and the ministers, the chamberlains, the major domos were pitiful to see because it would have been truly unbecoming for the major domos and the chamberlains and the ministers to be in a good humor when the head of the government was so sad.

But the sincerest, the greatest, desolation was in the heart of a little page. For a long time he had hopelessly adored the princess. The thought that she must die plunged him into such despair that the tigers in the forest and the rocks in the mountains would have sympathized with his misery if the tigers and the rocks had been there to see it. It was not that he had any clemency from the princess to be grateful for. Quite the contrary. No words could give any idea of the cruelty she had shown this little page who was in her service. When he sighed, she smiled; when he approached her in the evening to be of assistance to her she did not turn away, as would have been charitable, but she looked him in the eyes and said to him:

"Well, well! Come, it is time to go to sleep. Draw off my stockings, I pray you."

Then she went away mocking at him with her ladies, who were cruel also. But they were excusable, not being beloved by the poor boy.

Such barbarity did not hinder him from being the tenderest lover in the world. If you had said to him the princess was not as sweet as the lambs in the meadows, he would have been furious and you would have had an affair with him.

When he learned that the king's daughter was perishing because of the hurricane which had carried off all the flowers with their butterflies, he did not hesitate a moment. He began to run through the kingdom seeking roses, lilies, daisies, no matter what, for the repast of her he loved. But he did not find them. He continued to seek. When some one said to the princess, "Does your highness know that the little page has gone out hoping to gather you a breakfast?" she smiled disdainfully. It seemed she would breakfast with regret on the flowers the poor boy brought her, and she said:

"Ah, how hungry I am!"

Nevertheless he scoured the whole country in search of blossoms. He descended into the valleys, he climbed the steepest hills, hoping that perhaps he would find between two rocks near the glaciers the little blue, mysterious flowers of the Alps which would have kept from death the one he loved so much. But no; even on the highest mountains, even in the deepest valleys, was not one flower, so fierce and destructive had been the tempest. He returned from each attempt in the anguish of failure.

"I foresaw it," said the princess. "It is really ridiculous to confide to such children the care of royal persons."

When the little page learned that she had uttered these cruel words, he felt his heart clutched and torn as if a vulture had cast itself with opened claws upon this little red bird. Since she had the double misfortune of being ill and not being grateful for the care of those who wished to cure her, he resolved to live no longer, as she was dying. He ran to a neighboring stream, very clear and very deep, determined to cast himself into it. He soon came to the border of the stream. After looking carefully to see if not a single lotus remained, for a lotus would have been enough for a luncheon for the princess, he leaned over, wishing to fall. Then he hesitated, for it is sad to die when one is so young and there are so many beautiful things in the world.

A thought came to him.

He had read in an old book that a young man admiring himself in the waves had become a flower. Why should not such a fate be permitted to him? As a flower he would be eaten by the princess, and the princess would be saved.

He leaned over the brook and gazed long at his image. He looked and looked, and at last he fell in.

He had hardly fallen into the water when one of the princess' maidens, who was wandering about and watching, picked a narcissus upon the bank, a narcissus made of the page—a pale narcissus just bursting into bloom.

The narcissus sustained the princess until a marguerite—the storm having ceased—had bloomed again in the field, and the tulips in the flower beds and the hawthorns on the hedges. Still she was hardly satisfied and said, biting into the petals with her white teeth, the petals of that flower which they had related to her was the page himself, dead for her sake, then resurrected in a chalice:

"Yes, yes. It is necessary to eat, but truly that flower did not taste very good."—From the French For Chicago Tribune.

THE ART OF CAKE WALKING.

Good Walkers Born, Not Made — Importance of Partner and Clothes.

A good cake walker is born, just like any other artist. A man can learn to cut up antics, go through funny movements and win applause from an audience that wants to be amused, but unless he is endowed by nature all these qualities will not make him an artist.

If a fellow wants to be a cake walker, being first equipped by nature, he should get his eagle eye out for a lady. It makes all the difference in the world what kind of a partner you have. See that she's good looking, has fair skin and hair not too kinky. The wavy haired maiden is the most attractive and the most precious too. Let her demonstrate to you that she can do anything on two feet, from the pasmala to the minuet, though I don't mean to say that the pasmala is allowed in the refined cake walk. It is not. It is too sporty, and we always bar it. But all these little things lend grace and experience to the walker, and the more of them she knows the better.

Rehearse frequently with your partner. Show her how to smile when your jaws begin to crack and agree on the best way to salute each other. Watch the audience on this point. See which poses they applaud most and then play the favorites for all they're worth.

The various twists and turns in the cake walk are not parts of any regular dances. They are ingenious contrivances of our own. When a couple come on and do their little turn, they go through what we call a solo. Then we have the chorus walk, the individual's specialty, the hoi polloi chorus, or the one where all hands mix in a general scramble for exhibition honors, and the genteel gyration of geniuses or the chorus of all stars. I usually lead and act as manager of the entertainment.

I think the best dress for a man cake walker is the swallowtail or the Prince Albert. Sometimes the overcoat is worn with good effect, and a cane gives a fellow an opportunity to find a place for his hands and adds grace and dignity to his bearing. A silk tile is the proper caper, especially on a well formed man. It makes you look nice and shiny, shows off your style and gives you a chance to get in some fine salutations, bows and courtesies with your lady. I always use it. It is indispensable to a first class walker's outfit. Patent leathers are the best for the feet, and the more diamonds you have the greater your chance to make a killing. Evening costume is the proper thing for ladies.

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Leave Climax	3 39 "
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Leave Greensboro	4 10 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 58 "
Leave Walnut Cove	4 29 "
Leave Rural Hall	4 57 "
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Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 00 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 13 P. M
Leave Climax	12 43 "
Leave Sanford	2 35 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 50 "
Arrive Fayetteville	3 53 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 05 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 10 "

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Leave Bennettsville	7 55 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 03 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. Daily.
Leave Fayetteville	4 27 P. M.
Leave Hbde Mills	4 48 "
Leave Red Springs	5 37 "
Arrive Maxton	6 10 "
Leave Maxton	6 17 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 30 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16. Mixed Daily Ex Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

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DAILY 9.35 A. M.—No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.45 a. m., Warsaw 11.14 a. m., Goldsboro 12:05 a. m., Wilson 12:49 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:30 p. m., Tarboro 2:31 p. m., Weldon 3:25 p. m., Petersburg 3.34 p. m., Richmond 6:40 p. m., Norfolk 3.55 p. m., Washington 11:20 p. m., Baltimore 1:03 a. m., Philadelphia 3:30 a. m., New York 6:53 a. m., †Boston 3:00 p. m.

DAILY 7.15 P. M.—No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8:55 p. m., Warsaw 9:10 p. m., Goldsboro 10:10 p. m., Wilson 11.06 p. m., †Tarboro 6:45 a. m., Rocky Mount 11:37 p. m., Weldon 1:05 a. m., †Norfolk 10:15 a. m., Petersburg 8:14 a. m., Richmond 4 a. m., Washington 7:41 a. m., Baltimore 9:05 a. m., Philadelphia 11:25 a. m., New York 2.08 p. m., Boston 9:00 p. m.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M.—No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4:13 p. m., Newbern 5:40 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M.—No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4:56 p. m., Chadbourn 5:38. p. m., Marion 6:34 p. m., Florence 7:15 p. m., Sumter 9:29 p. m., Columbia 10:50 p. m., Denmark 6:12 a. m., Augusta 7:55 a. m., Macon 11:15 a. m., Atlanta 12:35 p. m., Charleston 10:50 p. m., Savannah 1:50 a. m., Jacksonville 7:30 a. m., St. Augustine 10:30 a. m., Tampa 6:05 p. m.

ARRIALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.40 P. M.—No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1:00 p. m., *New York 9:00 p. m., Philadelphia 12:05 a. m., Baltimore 2:50 a. m., Washington 4:30 a. m., Richmond 9:05 a. m., Petersburg 10:00 a. m., Norfolk 9:10 a. m., Weldon 11:50 a. m., Tarboro 12:99 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:10 p. m., Wilson 2:00 p. m., Goldsboro 3:05 p. m., Warsaw 3:59 p. m., Magnolia 4.12 p. m.

DAILY 9.30 A. M.—No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9:30 a. m., Philadelphia 12:00 p. m., Baltimore 2:35 p. m., Washington 3:46 p. m., Richmond 7:30 p. m., Petersburg 8:12 p. m., †Norfolk 2:30 p. m., Weldon 9:43 p. m., †Tarboro 6:00 p m., Rocky Mount 5:40 a. m. Leave Wilson 6:22 a. m., Goldsboro 7:01 a. m., Warsaw 7.53 a. m., Magnolia 8:05 a. m.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M.—No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9:00 a. m., Jacksonville 10:25 a. m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.20 P. M.—No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8:10 a. m., Sanford 3:07 p. m., Jacksonville 8:00 p. m., Savannah 1:45 a. m., Charleston 6:33 a. m., Columbia 5.48 a. m., Atlanta 7:50 a. m., Macon 9:00 a. m., Augusta 2:30 p. m., Denmark 4:17 p. m., Sumter 6:06 a. m., Florence 8:55 a. m., Marion 9:34 a. m., Chadbourn 10:30 a m., Lake Waccamaw 11:09 p. m.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 21, 1898

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON.

The Movement Into Sight—Takings of the Mills, Receipts, Exports and Stocks.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, May 20.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows a decrease during the week just closed of 141,752 bales, against a decrease last year of 90,073 bales and a decrease of 133,375 bales in 1895.

The total visible stock is 3,141,224 bales, against 3,282,976 last week and 2,642,656 last year.

Of this the total of American cotton is 2,826,224 bales, against 4,976,976 last week and 2,250,256 last year; and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 315,000 bales, against 306,000 last week and 392,300 last year. The total world's supply of cotton shows a decrease compared with last week of 141,752 bales, an increase compared with last year of 498,568 bales.

Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans Cotton Exchange statement shows an increase in the movement into sight compared with the seven days ending this date last year in round figures of 9,000 bales, an increase over the same days year before last of 8,000 bales.

For the 262 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the 262 days of last year 2,334,000 and ahead of the same days year before last 3,878,000.

The total movement for the 262 days from September 1 to date inclusive is 10,689,295 bales, against 8,355,000 last year and 6,811,486 year before last. The movement since September 1st, shows receipts at all United States ports 8,441,644, against 6,641,024 last year and 5,117,364 year before last; overland across Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada 1,159,826, against 861,900 last year and 793,406 year before last. Southern mill takings, exclusive of consumption at Southern outports 908,832, against 861,332 last year and 769,912 year before last.

Foreign exports for the week have been 74,475 bales, against 66,166 last year. The total takings of American mills, North and South and Canada, thus far for the season, have been 3,110,492 bales, against 2,510,422 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and the twenty-nine leading Southern interior centers have decreased during the week 65,917 bales, against a decrease for this time last season of 71,403, and are now 575,047 in excess of this date last year.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Board of Missions and Commissioners to the Ecumenical Conference Elected.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, May 20.—To-day was a day of elections in the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The conference continued balloting for its officers and utilized the time between reports of the tellers in considering routine business.

Rev. H. M. Dubose, of Jackson, Miss., was elected general secretary of the Epworth League and editor of the *Epworth Era*. It took four ballots to elect.

The Board of Missions of the church was elected to-day as follows: President—E. W. Cole; vice president, R. N. Sleed, J. O. Branch, J. H. McLean, R. H. Mahon, Horace Bishop, James Atkins, F. D. Swindell, J. D. Hamilton, J. D. Scott, J. A. Anderson, T. D. Fite, E. E. Hoss, T. P. Wesley, R. K. J. Brown, C. G. Andrews, J. S. Hutchinson, W. B. Palmere, W. F. Glenn, H. H. Babcock, W. R. Richardson, Gross Alexander, A. J. Lamar, H. P. Walker, C. A. Fulwood, S. G. Preston.

Commissioners were appointed to the Ecumenical Council, to meet in London in 1901. The commission was as follows: Bishops Candler and Galloway, Revs. P. H. Wisner, W. R. Lambuth, J. S. Atkins and J. W. Lee and Mr. R. W. Peatross. The commission will consult with a similar commission on the part of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city tomorrow.

KID M'COY AND GUS RUHLIN.

A Victory for McCoy After Twenty Rounds. Ruhlin Strong at the Finish.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 20.—The fight here to-night between Kid McCoy and Gus Ruhlin, the latter of Cleveland, resulted in a victory for McCoy after twenty rounds. Three thousand people were in the arena where the fight was held. There was little betting, and the showing made by Ruhlin was a surprise. He stood a lot of punishment and was always ready to come back for more. He was apparently stong at the finish. McCoy says that he will now meet Goddard and then Choynski. There was a great difference in the weight of the men. McCoy 137, and Ruhlin tipping the scales at 160 pounds. George Silver of Chicago acted as referee. When he rendered his decision Jim Corbett leaped into the ring and asked McCoy to fight him, but the latter declined to consider the matter and refused to make any arrangements.

Ruhlin started to do good work in the 14th round, but the kid's cleverness kept him out of harm's way. Both men did good work in the last six rounds and in the last one Ruhlin hit McCoy hard with but little return.

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A NAVAL BATTLE EXPECTED SOON.

United States Warships Left Key West Late Yesterday Evening.

TO MEET THE SPANISH FLEET

A Few Hours, Perhaps, May Bring Them Together—Ammunition, Rifles, and Other War Stores Found Concealed on the Argonauta.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., May 20.—The prologue has been spoken; and the curtain is about to rise on the first act of the drama. This is the unwavering opinion of naval men here. Dewey's brilliant achievement at Manila is regarded as a separate episode. San Juan is already a memory; and the sporadic encounters along the Cuban coast are accepted as merely preliminary skirmishes, tentative rather than decisive. The meeting of two great hostile fleets is the pivot upon which the situation turns; and that a few days, perhaps hours, will bring them together is the universal view here at the base of operations.

This view is confirmed by the news that

Admiral Cervera's Squadron

has reached Santiago de Cuba. The intelligence came to-day and if it did not affect the situation it was a singular coincidence that activity among our ships was perceptibly heightened and the work of coaling and provisioning those in the harbor was pushed with more than usual haste.

The ships were suspiciously creeping toward the open sea as the day waned and the ranks of the naval men ashore were constantly thinning until, at dusk, there was scarcely one to be seen. The newspaper dispatch boats have nearly all departed, with particular care not to lose sight of the United States warships.

The center of the interest again shifts away from Key West; but whither, is the question none can answer. Otherwise the day has been dull and empty of action. Some little stir was created by the discovery of a secret chamber in the hold of the

Prize Steamer Argonauta

containing fifteen cases of ammunition, over a hundred Mauser rifles and other war stores. The "find" was made by the United States marshal's officers and dissipates all doubt as to the Argonauta's status as a prize of war.

The Argonauta was taken three week ago by the United States gunboat Nashville off Cienfuegos. On board were Col. Vincente Cortijo, said to be a brother-in-law of Lieutenant General Valerino Weyler, and twenty-eight Spanish soldiers, now in Fort McPherson, as well as mail matter and dispatches for General Blanco and other Spanish officials in Cuba.

The reports that several new Spanish prizes were being brought in to-day are unfounded. The only new arrival of this character was the barkentine Carlos F. Rosas, the story of whose capture last Tuesday has already been told. She was brought in here by a prize crew and anchored along with the other prizes in the harbor.

The discovery of the war supplies on the Argonauta will not change the status of her case before the prize court, as it had already been decided that the steamer was legitimately a prize of war, no claims having been filed by the owners of the ship or cargo.

A like decision was rendered in the cases of the steamer Ambrosio Bolivar and the schooners Candidita, Mathilda and Sophia. The only formality remaining to make these vessels the absolute property of the United States is the confirmation by the Federal Court authorities of the findings of the prize commission.

The cases of the Buena Ventura, the first capture of the war, and the Pedro, Catalina, Miguel Jover, Panama and Guido, all large and valuable steamers, will have to be tried in regular form by the United States court, claims having been filed by the owners of the ships and cargoes.

MECKLENBURG MONUMENT.

Many Prominent People Present at the Dedication in Charlotte.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 20.—A magnificent monument to the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was unveiled here this morning in the presence of a tremendous crowd. Among the prominent people present were former Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, a descendant of one of the signers of the declaration; Governor Atkinson, of Georgia; Governor Ellerbe, of South Carolina; Governor Russel, l of North Carolina; Mrs. Stonewall Jackson and Mrs. D. H. Hill. Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson was the orator of the day.

There was a notable pageant in the early morning of floats decorated in the national colors and filled with young ladies, representing the various States, illustrating many patriotic themes. There was a long cavalcade of horsemen in the uniform of the continental soldier, and numerous carriages filled with distinguished guests, but the chief feature was the great line of Confederate veterans. There were brigades of them, under command of Major J. G. Hall. Half a dozen tattered battleflags were carried during the parade.

F. B. McDowell was master of ceremonies. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Howerton, D. D., of the First Presbyterian Church.

Ex Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson was introduced by J. P. Caldwell, editor of the *Observer*, and made the principal speech of the occasion.

Governor Atkinson, of Georgia, followed with a brief but patriotic speech.

The Charlotte *Observer's* $50 prize poem was read by Colonel H. C. Jones, of Charlotte. The poem was entitled, "The Vanguard of the Revolution," and it is the composition of Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., Professor of Hebrew at Union Theological Seminary, Hampden Sydney, Va., and a native of Charlotte.

Mrs. General Stonewall Jackson and Mrs. General D. H. Hall were among those on the stand.

The monument, of Barre, Vermont, granite, obelisk, forty feet high, was then unveiled by a number of young ladies, descended from the signers, amid great enthusiasm.

The total bank clearings in the United States for the week were $1,325,691,871; per cent. increase, 36.1; exclusive of New York, $527,588,591; per cent. decrease, 2.7.

WHEN NATURE

Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

DEPARTMENT NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

Preparations for the Philippines Military Expedition are Going on Steadily.

SPANISH FLYING SQUADRON.

Authentic Information of Its Arrival at Santiago De Cuba—The War Board. An Independent Volunteer Force to be Organized.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—All of the news that was given out to-day at the Navy Department was comprised in one short bulletin, posted at the close of the day, stating that the department had information, believed to be authentic, that Admiral Cervera, with his Spanish flying squadron, was at Santiago de Cuba.

This went to confirm the newspaper reports and also the Madrid cablegram published this morning—the latter a rather unusual circumstance, for the Spanish bulletins have been notably deceptive ever since the flying squadron left Cadiz. Accepting this statement as correct, it indicates that there is little probability of a hostile meeting between Sampson or Schley and Cervera immediately.

Looking over the charts of Santiago harbor, the experts soon discovered that the place would be a veritable rat-trap for the Spaniards with its narrow entrance, in which a single American monitor could bottle up the whole Spanish fleet.

The War Board.

The naval strategy board, christened of late "the war board," is to lose one of its most active and valuable members in the person of Captain Barker. He leaves Washington to-morrow for Hampton Roads, to take command of the fine protected cruiser Newark, which has just been extensively repaired at the Norfolk navy yard.

It is expected that the Newark will join Sampson's squadron in the West Indies as soon as she can get there.

It has not been determined who will succeed Captain Barker as a member of the war board. It may be that the vacancy will not be filled at present, though there has been favorable mention of the name of Admiral Ramsay, retired, in that connection.

Philippines Expedition.

Preparations go on steadily for the Philippines military expedition. General Merritt, who will command, stopped in Washington this morning on his way westward from New York and spent most of the day in consultation with the officials of the department, arranging the details of the expedition.

Another transport was secured today and the department is showing a disposition to treat General Merritt with the utmost liberality in the equipment of his force. It is expected that the advance guard on one of the vessels, under command of General Otis, will sail out of the Golden Gate tomorrow for the Philippines.

A beginning was made to-day toward the organization of the independent volunteer forces, under authority conferred upon the President by special resolution. The National Guard will have no part in these organizations, which will be made up of engineers, immunes and electricians.

The State Department announced that the Poleria, the Hamburg American line steamer at Key West, which was authorized to land certain passengers in Havana, had declined to avail itself of the privilege, so that the department is relieved of what promised to be an embarrassing incident and of the necessity of establishing what might prove to be a dangerous precedent.

Officials here dismiss as pure invention the story coming from Montreal that former Minister Polo has succeeded in securing for Spain a coaling station on one of the French islands of St. Pierre, Miquelon, off the New Foundland coast. At the French embassy the report is treated with indignant contempt, as the French decree of neutrality is binding on the French governor of these islands and effectually prevents the granting of such exceptional privileges as coaling stations.

The Navy Department is about to call for bids for a steel floating dock, capable of floating a ship of 15,000 tons, to be located at New Orleans. The department is also looking forward to securing docks at other points.

Another project for docks is contained in the deficiency appropriation bill now before Congress. This provides for the immediate purchase of two floating docks. As soon as the bill becomes a law the department knows where it can purchase these docks, ready for service. They are at New York, and although of wood and comparatively small, they will be of inestimable service on being towed to Key West, where they will accommodate all but the largest battleships and cruisers. The department hopes to own these docks within a few weeks, perhaps days, as the need of docking and scraping the warships which has been in southern waters for a long time is becoming imperative.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—At 10.30 o'clock to-night it was announced at the adjutant general's office that 104,000 volunteers had been mustered into the United States army.

It is said that from now until the remainder of the 125,000 men called for has been mustered in the work will proceed very slowly. It is problematic whether the movement will wait the slow motions of some of the States. The probability is, that if the mustering of the required quota is not completed by the first of next week the call, so far as the delinquent States are concerned, will be cancelled and volunteers will be accepted from other States.

Telegrams were received from North Carolina this evening indicating serious difficulty in organising the necessary troops in that State. Many of the men are being rejected by the examining board, and the mustering officer will have great difficulty in filling the State's quota.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Record of Games Played Yesterday by the Clubs.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Chicago—Chicago, 1; Washington, 6.

Baltimore—Baltimore, 1: Pittsburg, 3.

Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 4; Boston, 5.

St. Louis—St. Louis, 6; New York, 2.

Louisville—Louisville-Brooklyn, postponed, rain.

Cleveland—Cleveland, 3; Philadelphia, 6.

The barge John R. King, loading lumber at Burton's Point, Va., for New York, caught fire yesterday morning and burned to the water's edge. Loss on barge, $50,000, no insurance; cargo, $50,000, fully insured.

TO PUSH THE WAR MORE VIGOROUSLY.

The New Spanish Minister of Marine Infuses Great Activity Into His Department

OFFERED WAR MUNITIONS.

Will Negotiate With Foreign Diplomats to Protect Spain Against a Combination of Her Enemies—Cervera's Squadron Leaves Santiago.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, May 20, 8 A. M.—Admiral Camara, the commander of the Cadiz squadron, is here receiving instructions relative to the destination of his ships, which, it is explained, "depends upon the requirements of the war."

The new Minister of Marine has injected the greatest activity into his department. It is said he has been offered war munitions from many quarters.

It is evident the new Spanish cabinet intends to push the campaign vigorously, and, it is said, the minister will also negotiate actively with foreign diplomats to protect Spain against a combination of her enemies.

4 P. M.—The ministers, in full uniform, appeared in the Senate to-day. Owing to the circumstances, the new cabinet is already nick-named "the circumstantial cabinet."

The Premier, Senor Sagasta, explained the ministerial crisis, and asserted that the new ministry will continue the policy of the former ministry. He related how "Spain did everything to avoid war until America, violating all recognized diplomacy, attacked Spain with an injustice unprecedented in the annals of civilized history, and compelled Spain to respond to war with war, which Spain would continue, 'a toute outrance' (to the utmost) until an honorable peace is obtainable. This," the Premier continued, "is a strong policy and the new government will also conduct negotiations with European and other States."

Count Penaramiro proposed the Senate's congratulations to Admiral Cervera on his arriving safely at Santiago de Cuba and "cleverly dodging the American squadron."

The congratulations were voted unanimously.

5 P. M.—In the Chamber, Senor Sagasta repeated his Senate speech. Senor Silvela, leader of the dissident Conservatives, replied that his section of the Conservative party approved the policy announced by Senor Sagasta and would support the new cabinet. Senor Romeroy Robledo, leader of the Weylerite faction, presented an interpellation, maintaining that the old government was in a crisis from the very declaration of war, and that if the present was a continuation of the policy of the old cabinet, then the present cabinet was in a crisis.

Senor Sagasta explained that the cabinet changes were due to the fact that several ministers were "ill and extremely fatigued afer the recent anxieties."

Midnight—It is asserted that Admiral Cervera's squadron has left Santiago de Cuba.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Notwithstanding the War, Actual Trade is Better With Marked Improvement in Many Industries.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, May 20.—R. G. Dun & Co's *Weekly Review of Trade* will say to-morrow: Growing accustomed to war possibilities, which are mostly far from probabilities of evil, and finding the nation moving along steadily in its industries, people are grasping the idea that it is throwing away some months of active and profitable life to wait until war clouds have passed. Western prosperity has so greatly over-balanced timidity of Eastern capital that actual business done increases; railroad earnings promise better for May than a month ago for April, and payments through clearing houses for the week in May show a gain of 36 per cent. over last year and 7.5 per cent. over 1892, while a month ago the increase over last year was 33.6 per cent., and compared with 1892 there was a decrease of 7.2 per cent. Several large contracts kept back for some weeks because of hostilities have now been placed, and instead of works closing or reducing force, returns show the starting of some works long idle and increase of force or of hours at others. Government work occupies many establishments, but it counts for little compared with other demands.

The key of the situation is the prosperity of the West, which the altogether unprecedented marketing of breadstuffs has caused, with the prospect of good crops to come.

In iron, notwithstanding the greatest output ever known, the demand has caused some advance in Bessemer pig, with only a slight decline in the price of grey forge at Pittsburg, but full quotations are obtained at Chicago and Philadelphia.

The textile works are doing rather better, even the cotton mills in spite of their over-production, for some of large importance have recently started again, and print cloths are a sixteenth higher. Numerous woollen mills have been pushed to new activity by government orders, and prices for a few grades of goods are better, with a stronger tone in the market generally, although some mills of importance have stopped, as their orders for the season have run out.

Failures for the week have been 250 in the United States, against 248 last year, and 29 in Canada, against 37 last year.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT

For the Week Ending Friday, May 20th, 1898.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, May 20.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending May 20:

	1898.	1897.
Net receipts at all U. S ports during the week	37,121	20,041
Total receipts to this date	8,302,974	6,536,394
Exports for week	74,844	56,824
Total exports to date	6,792,704	5,607,882
Stock in all U. S. ports	537,277	367,503
Stock at all interior towns	228,661	107,713
Stock in Liverpool,	1,188,000	1,152,000
American afloat for Great Britain	113,000	50,000

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THE SITUATION AT PORT TAMPA.

Fortifications Ready for Mounting Heavy Guns and Mines Placed in the Harbor.

THE RAINY SEASON SETS IN,

English Warship Expected—Gen. Wade and Staff to Leave for Chickamauga To-day—Young Garcia, the Suspected Spy, Released.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

TAMPA, FLA., May 20.—An English warship is expected to arrive in Tampa harbor May 24th, the anniversary of the birthday of Queen Victoria, and the event will be celebrated by a banquet at the Tampa Bay Hotel that will be notable for the number of military naval celebrities who will be present. Every officer in the United States service above the rank of captain at present in Tampa, officers of the naval vessels here and military attaches of the different European governments who are here to follow the fortunes of the army of invasion in Cuba, will be among those invited to do honor to Queen Victoria. Four United States regimental bands will furnish the music.

After a thorough investigation of the charges against young Garcia, son of a cigar manufacturer of Tampa, who was arrested yesterday on suspicion of being a spy for the Spanish Government, General Shafter to-day ordered that he be honorably discharged.

Before many days have passed Tampa bay will be one of the best defended on the Gulf coast. The narrow channels to the north and south of Egmont Key will be rendered impassable to hostile ships by the placing of a series of sub-marine mines and torpedoes under the guiding hand of Brigadier General Ludlow, chief engineer in charge. The Egmont and Mullet Keys fortifications are now ready for the mounting of the heavy siege guns and mortars, which have been sent here for that purpose. Large supplies of ammunition for the guns are already on hand. The batteries will be manned by some of the most experienced gunners in the service.

Major General Wade and his staff officers, Lieutenants Read and Almy and Colonel Arthur McArthur, Acting Adjutant General, will leave Tampa to-morrow for Chickamauga where General Wade has been assigned to the command of the third army corps.

Lieutenant Ramsay, acting Commissary General, left to-night for Jacksonville, where he will take charge of the commissary department of the troops to be located there.

The rainy season of the Florida coast was inaugurated to-night by a heavy thunder storm. The low flats and marshes at Port Tampa on which the Ninth cavalry and all the batteries of artillery are encamped are generally flooded during the rainy seasons and it is extremely probably that some changes in their camping grounds will be made in the near future.

TROUBLE WITH NEGROES.

Great Excitement Among Soldiers at Camp Lee, Richmond, Va., Last Night.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., May 20.—There was great excitement at Camp Lee to-night. On the outskirts of the camp a negro became very abusive to a small white boy and started to strike him. A soldier interfered, some of the negro's companions gathered, and a number of soldiers came to the rescue of their comrade.

The negroes fled to a stable but not until there had been a stone battle and were followed by the soldiers, who attacked the stable. In an attempt to force an entrance shots were exchanged. Finally, one negro was captured and taken to camp, and would probably have been very roughly handled if some of the officers had not interfered and protected him with drawn swords. Later he was brought to the city, under heavy guard and lodged in one of the station houses.

It was reported that another negro had been terribly beaten and left in an unconscious condition in the stable, but this could not be verified. Nor did careful investigation verify a rumor that got out in the city that a negro had been lynched. At a late hour all was quiet at camp and the officers were disposed to treat the whole matter very lightly.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

Standing Committees Announced — Report on Home Missions—Overtures Presented.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, May 20.—The Presbyterian Assembly met again to-day.

All standing committees were announced.

Secretary J. M. Craig's report on Home Missions showed a total amount in hand during the year of $52,353 and a balance on hand of $33,030.

Dr. Chester read the report of the committee on Foreign Missions. The net receipts of the year were $146,070; the disbursements were $146,341 and the foreign mission closes the year out of debt and with a small balance on hand. Nine new missionaries were sent out during the year. An overture was presented for a mission to Cuba and referred.

An overture was also read from the Presbytery of Lexington, Va., asking that of the $5,000 legacy of Miss Mary Baldwin for domestic missions, $1,000 be given to the Presbytery of Lexington, $500 to the Synod of Virginia, and $3,500 to the General Assembly.

Wednesday, May 25th, was fixed on as the date of an impossing celebration of the Lord's supper. Rev. B. M. Palmer has been selected to preach.

A special committee has been appointed to consider the advisability of preparing a hymn book for Presbyterian churches.

Invitations to meet in Atlanta and Lexington, Va., were received.

— Another Patriot: "I understand that Bindley is going to apply for a pension." "Upon what grounds I would like to know? He never fought for his country." "No but he came over on the Paris and his nervous system was upset."—*Chicago News.*

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WAR REVENUE MEASURE.

Continuation of the Discussion in the Senate—Resolution Providing for an Auxiliary Naval Force Adopted.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—At the conclusion of to-day's session of the Senate the reading of the war revenue measure had been completed. About seven-eighths of the amendments proposed by the Senate committee have been agreed to. Those remaining are, quite naturally, the most important in the bill and will provoke a deal of discussion. The principal amendments yet to be passed upon are those relating to the issue of bonds and certificates of indebtedness, the tobacco tax, the tax on proprietary articles, the issue of greenbacks, the coinage of the silver seignorage, the issue of silver certificates, the inheritance tax and the tax on corporations. The action upon some of the amendments will be dependent upon that on others.

Mr. Aldrich, Rhode Island, to-day offered as a substitute for the paragraphs relating to the coinage of the seignorage, the issue of silver certificates and the issue of legal tender notes, the bond provision prepared by the Republican minority of the Committee on Finance. If the bond provision should be accepted by the Senate, the amendments offered by the Democrats in lieu of it will naturally be rejected.

Mr. Daniel, Virginia, delivered an extended speech, strongly opposing an issue of bonds and supporting the substitute paragraphs proposed by the Democratic majority of the Finance Committee.

Soon after the Senate convened today, Senator Hale, of Maine, chairman of the committee on naval affairs, favorably reported from the committee the House joint resolution providing for the organization and enrollment of an auxiliary naval force, which shall form an inner line of defence. An amendment by the Senate committee provides that the force shall not exceed 3,000 men. The resolution was passed.

At 4.35 P. M. the war revenue measure was laid asideand the Senate went into executive session, adjourning soon afterward until Monday, in order to give the committee on finance time to make additional amendments to the bill.

SMOKERS WHO NEED CHANGE.

Few Men Able to Use the Same Brand of Tobacco Continuously.

A nervous man dashed into a large tobacco store down town in Broadway and said to the proprietor:

"Look here, Billy, I've been buying smoking tobacco from you for a long time, and no sooner do I find a brand that suits me than you begin to adulterate it, and it doesn't taste as it did. This blank brand which I have been smoking for four months now has gone all to pieces. I want something new."

"Why not try the tobacco that you liked so well before you took up this brand?" asked the proprietor. "It has been improved, and I think that you will enjoy it."

The nervous man accepted it and went out.

"He will come in in about three days for another box of that tobacco and tell me that it is just what he has been looking for," remarked the proprietor to another customer. "He will smoke it for three or four months and then he will complain bitterly that the manufacturers are adulterating it with cheap tobacco, and he will make a change. Does the tobacco change? Why, yes, a very little bit, but not enough for him to detect the difference. It has happened that when he complains the loudest about it the tobacco is the best. The explanation is simple—he gets tired of a brand in about three months, and then it doesn't taste right to him. That is true of many smokers. To enjoy their tobacco they need a change occasionally.

"General Grant was the only hard smoker I have ever known who didn't require a change. He wanted good cigars, and he wanted them strong. He was not cranky about their shape or make so long as they smoked easily. I have one customer —he is now nearly 70 years old—who bought cigars from me when I first began selling them, and he buys nearly the same brand. His taste in tobacco has not changed, but he is an exception. It is a fact, though few smokers realize it, that a man needs change in his tobacco just as much as in his food. No man would enjoy the same dinner day after day. Few men can smoke the same brand of cigars or smoking tobacco month after month without having it pall on their taste at times. This man who was in here a moment ago thinks that the tobacco itself changes. He considers himself a judge of tobacco, and I humor him by seeming to agree with him and give him another brand when he complains."—New York Sun.

COLORADO'S WONDER.

The State Possesses the Most Tremendous Canyon In the World.

It is abruptly countersunk in the forest plateau, says John Muir in The Atlantic, so that you see nothing of it until you are suddenly stopped on its brink with its immeasurable wealth of divinely colored and sculptured buildings before you and beneath you. No matter how far you may have wandered hitherto or how many famous gorges and valleys you have seen, this one, the Grand canyon of the Colorado, will seem as novel to you, as unearthly in the color and grandeur and quantity of its architecture, as if you had found it after death on some other star; so incomparably lovely and grand and supreme is it above all the other delightful canyons in our fire molded, earthquake shaken, rain washed, wave washed, river and glacier sculptured world. It is about 6,000 feet deep where you first see it, and from rim to rim 10 to 15 miles wide. And instead of being dependent for interest on waterfalls, depth, wall sculpture and beauty of parklike floor, like most other great canyons, no waterfalls are in sight and no appreciable floor space.

The big river has just room enough to flow and roar obscurely, here and there groping its way as best it can like a weary, murmuring, overladen traveler trying to escape from the tremendous bewildering labyrinthic abyss, while its roar serves only to mellow and deepen the silence. Instead of being filled only with air the vast space between the walls is crowded with nature's grandest buildings—a sublime city of them painted in every color of the rainbow and adorned with richly fretted cornice and battlement spire and tower in endless variety of style and architecture. Every architectural invention of man has been anticipated and far more in this grandest of God's terrestrial cities.

Unappreciated Aspects of Nature.

Few people ever get beyond a weather bureau point of view toward nature. To the majority a day or night is either rainy or clear, dry or damp, hot or cold, and the seasons as they come and pass are empty sounding names. The wonder of a morning when the leafless trees all wan, seem groping through the mist—they bolt the door and wait for the fog to lift. In a complacently filled corner of such peoples' minds weather, with its synonym, nature, is tucked away with other equally original interpretations, and as bad weather is disagreeable it follows that nature must be equally intolerable during a fog. Yet from the fogs and storms and mists of an Iceland fishing season Pierre Loti has made a story—beautiful, fantastic, like frost lace on a window pane.—Scribner's.

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Pink, Blue and White Empire Corsets at $1.00.
Small figured heavy Pique only 12½c.
English Nainsook and Long Cloth at $1.50 a piece.
72 inch Fine White Organdies 40 to 75c a yard.
Full assortment of narrow Black Velvet Ribbon.
Irish Point Scarfs and Center Pieces at 59c.
A 26 inch Gloria Silk Umbrella or Parasol at $1.00.
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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$534,022 29	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts	87 97	Surplus	60,000 00
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)	40,100 00	Undivided profits	18,597 06— 78,597 06
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000 00	Circulation	36,000 00
Due from other Banks $173,132 12		Total Deposits	622,053 04
Cash on hand 104,318 42—	277,450 54		
Total	$861,630 10	Total	$816,630 10

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	May 5, '96.	May 5, '97.	May 5, '98
Total Deposits	$545,000	$558,000	$622,000
Surplus and Net Profits	57,600	68,700	78,500
Bills Payable and Re discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.

Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. my 13 tf

WATCHING FOR REGINALD.

He Is Determined to Pursue Him to the Bitter End.

Darby is nothing if he is not sympathetic, and the other day when he was waiting for the train in the Union depot and he saw an elderly woman clad in a drab veil, white cotton gloves, fluttering white ribbons and other palpable proof of bridal attire—when Darby saw her weeping bitterly into a lace handkerchief, he approached her and said gently:

"You seem to be in trouble, my good woman. Can I help you in any way?"

"No; I don't know as you can," she replied; "not unless you can find a man who says his name is Reginald St. Clair; but like enough he lied about that, as I'm thinkin he lied about ev'rything else, blame his picter! He said he'd meet me here at 10 o'clock this mornin, and here it's 5 in the afternoon, an I ain't seen hide nor hair of 'im! He said he'd wear a red flower in his buttonhole, and here I've rushed up to half a dozen men with red flowers in their buttonholes thinkin they was him, an one came near havin me arrested 'cause I was so sure he was Reginald I up an kissed him!"

"Who is Reginald?"

"He's a man I've been correspondin with. I got his name out of a paper where he'd advertised for a correspondent with a view to matrimony. I ain't never seen him, but I've had dozens of letters breathin devotion and declarin he couldn't wait hardly until I got my weddin things ready, and here I sent 'im $100 three days ago 'cause he said he needed that much to finish furnishin our house and was a little short of funds. And here I've come 200 miles, and it looks mightily to me as if Reginald St. Clair ain't a-goin to show up, an if he don't I'll track 'im to the end of the earth an let 'im know he was foolin with the wrong person when he tried to fool me! He'll give me back that hundred dollars an what I've spent for my trousow an what it's cost me to come here. I'll let 'im know that—there's a man with a red flower in his buttonhole. Mebbe that's Reginald. I'll run an see!"

But it was not Reginald, and the drab clad lady returned to Darby and said with increased ire and bitterness:

"No, it wasn't Reginald. I've about gi'n 'im up now, but I'll run 'im down yet, see if I don't!"—Detroit Free Press.

Natural Reforestation.

That several years commonly elapse between the burning and the starting of new coniferous growth seems indicated by the two following observations, the first in the canyon of the Cache la Poudre, on a tract that was burned, according to reliable authority, in the summer of 1881. As examined in 1894, 13 years after burning, grasses were abundant among the dead logs, there were a few shrubs and a scattering growth of pines (Pinus contorta, variety murrayana), the largest of which was 20 inches high and 7 years old. Here it was apparently six years after the fire that the first pine tree started.

The other observation was made on a tract extending south and west from Chambers' lake, which was burned over in July, 1890. I passed through the burned district a month a. . the fire and was greatly impressed with the absolute desolation. No green thing remained. The ground and everything upon it was clad in somber black. Animal life was absent, and there was something so oppressive in the desolate solitude that I was glad to reach green timber again. A second visit to this tract was made four years later, in July, 1894, and it was with a feeling of keen disappointment that I noted how slight a change four years had wrought. The intense blackness had been subdued in some degree by the action of the elements. Some trees had fallen and others were losing their bark, but the general appearance of desolation remained. A very few straggling plants of grasses and sedges were the only evidence of returning vegetation.—Charles S. Crandall of the Colorado Agricultural College in Garden and Forest.

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